



CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

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Asm. Warren T. Furutani Voted Chair of Asian Pacific Islander Caucus *California API Legislative Caucus is Second Largest Ethnic Caucus in the Legislature*

(Sacramento, CA) – Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani (D – South Los Angeles County) today announced that he was unanimously re-elected Chair by the members of the California Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D – Hayward) was re-elected vice chair.

"I'm honored to be re-elected Chair of the API Legislative Caucus and look forward to continuing to grow the membership of the caucus and advancing API issues throughout the state," said Assemblymember Furutani. "We're excited with the addition of two new Assemblymembers Das Williams and Richard Pan making the API Caucus the second largest ethnic caucus in the Legislature. We also welcome the elections of several members from the API community to statewide constitutional offices including Attorney General Kamala Harris, returning Controller John Chiang, Board of Equalization members Betty Yee and Michelle Steel, and Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye."

"I am pleased to have been re-elected to serve as the Vice-Chair of the API Caucus for the upcoming year," said Assemblymember Hayashi. "I look forward to working with both Chairman Furutani and Caucus members to advance policy that directly impacts the API community. The past year has been filled with many accomplishments and the Caucus will continue to increase representation in elected government positions, address issues which disproportionately affect our community, and strive for equal access to programs and services in education, employment, health care, and beyond."

The Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus was established in 2001 with the mission of representing and advocating for the interests of the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout California. Additionally, the Caucus seeks to increase Asian Pacific Islander participation and representation in all levels of government. The API Legislative Caucus membership also includes Assemblymembers Mike Eng, Paul Fong, Fiona Ma, Richard Pan, Das Williams, Mariko Yamada, and Senators Carol Liu and Leland Yee.

Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani (D-South Los Angeles County) represents the 55th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Carson, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, Wilmington and part of Lakewood and Long Beach.

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